

Topline questionnaire

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Methodological notes:

- Survey results are based on a national sample of the United States. For further details on sample designs, see Methodology section.
- Due to rounding, percentages may not total 100%. The topline “total” columns show 100%, because they are based on unrounded numbers.
- The U.S. survey was conducted by Ipsos for Pew Research Center on the Ipsos KnowledgePanel G&A Omnibus. Many questions have been asked in previous surveys on Pew Research Center’s American Trends Panel and on the phone. Web and phone trends for comparison are provided in separate tables throughout the topline. The extent of the mode differences varies across questions; while there are negligible differences on some questions, others have more pronounced differences. Caution should be taken when evaluating online and phone estimates.
- German results, based on a nationally representative telephone sample, can be found through [Körber-Stiftung](#).

		September, 2023
		United States
Q1. Which country currently is the most important partner for American foreign policy?	UK	25
	U.S.	4
	Canada	6
	China	11
	Europe	2
	Russia	1
	France	1
	Germany	6
	Israel	4
	Japan	3
	Mexico	3
	Ukraine	1
	India	2
	Other	3
	All	0
	None	1
	DK/Refused	24
	Total	100
	N=	1014

Data is displayed vertically.

U.S. WEB TRENDS FOR COMPARISON		
		July-August, 2022
		United States
Q1. Which country currently is the most important partner for American foreign policy?	Asia	0
	Africa	0
	Canada	5
	China	11
	Europe	2
	European Union	1
	France	1
	Germany	3
	Israel	6
	Japan	2
	Mexico	2
	NATO	0
	Russia	1
	Saudi Arabia	0
	South America	0
	South Korea	0
	Ukraine	1
	United Kingdom	24
	United States	2
	Other	2
	All	0
	None	1
	DK/Refused	36
	Total	100
	N=	12147

Data is displayed vertically.

U.S. PHONE TRENDS FOR COMPARISON							
		September, 2021	September, 2020	April, 2020	September, 2019	September, 2018	October, 2017
		United States	United States	United States	United States	United States	United States
Q1. Which country currently is the most important partner for American foreign policy?	Australia	2	0	0	1	0	0
	Canada	13	7	10	9	12	3
	China	9	14	18	16	18	15
	France	4	2	1	1	1	3
	Germany	7	10	6	4	3	5
	United Kingdom	31	27	26	22	21	20
	Israel	9	10	3	9	8	9
	Italy	0	0	1	0	1	0
	Japan	1	1	1	2	1	3
	Mexico	6	5	4	6	4	2
	North Korea	0	1	1	1	0	1
	Poland	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Russia	3	4	4	2	5	4
	South Korea	1	1	0	0	0	1
	Turkey	0	0	0	0	0	0
	The European Union (EU)	3	5	2	4	3	1
	Other	2	2	3	2	2	4
	DK/Refused	10	11	20	22	19	29
Total		100	100	100	100	100	100
N=		1008	1007	1008	1004	1006	1012

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		Q2. In general, how would you describe relations today between the United States and Germany?				
		Very good	Somewhat good	Somewhat bad	Very bad	DK/Refused
United States	September, 2023	22	63	8	2	4
		Total	100			

U.S. WEB TRENDS FOR COMPARISON							
		Q2. In general, how would you describe relations today between the United States and Germany?					
		Very good	Somewhat good	Somewhat bad	Very bad	DK/Refused	Total
United States	July-August, 2022	16	65	13	2	5	100

U.S. PHONE TRENDS FOR COMPARISON							
		Q2. In general, how would you describe relations today between the United States and Germany?					
		Very good	Somewhat good	Somewhat bad	Very bad	DK/Refused	Total
United States	September, 2021	23	62	10	2	3	100
	September, 2020	19	55	17	4	5	100
	September, 2019	13	62	14	3	9	100
	September, 2018	12	58	21	4	6	100
	October, 2017	9	59	18	4	10	100

		Q3a. For each of the following issues, do you see Germany as a partner or not? a. Protecting the environment			
		Yes, as a partner	No, not a partner	DK/Refused	Total
United States	September, 2023	68	25	6	100

U.S. WEB TRENDS FOR COMPARISON

		Q3a. For each of the following issues, do you see Germany as a partner or not? a. Protecting the environment			
		Yes, as a partner	No, not a partner	DK/Refused	Total
United States	July-August, 2022	63	29	8	100

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		Q3a. For each of the following issues, do you see Germany as a partner or not? a. Protecting the environment			
		Yes, as a partner	No, not a partner	DK/Refused	Total
United States	September, 2021	80	17	3	100
	September, 2020	76	21	3	100

		Q3b. For each of the following issues, do you see Germany as a partner or not? b. Dealing with China			
		Yes, as a partner	No, not a partner	DK/Refused	Total
United States	September, 2023	60	34	6	100

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		Q3b. For each of the following issues, do you see Germany as a partner or not? b. Dealing with China			
		Yes, as a partner	No, not a partner	DK/Refused	Total
United States	July-August, 2022	52	40	8	100

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		Q3b. For each of the following issues, do you see Germany as a partner or not? b. Dealing with China			
		Yes, as a partner	No, not a partner	DK/Refused	Total
United States	September, 2021	59	39	2	100
	September, 2020	60	35	5	100

		Q3c. For each of the following issues, do you see Germany as a partner or not? c. Promoting democracy around the world			
		Yes, as a partner	No, not a partner	DK/Refused	Total
United States	September, 2023	67	27	6	100

		Q3d. For each of the following issues, do you see Germany as a partner or not? d. Promoting free trade			
		Yes, as a partner	No, not a partner	DK/Refused	Total
United States	September, 2023	72	21	6	100

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		Q3d. For each of the following issues, do you see Germany as a partner or not? d. Promoting free trade			
		Yes, as a partner	No, not a partner	DK/Refused	Total
United States	September, 2021	78	19	3	100
	September, 2020	76	21	3	100

		Q3e. For each of the following issues, do you see Germany as a partner or not? e. Dealing with the war in Ukraine			
		Yes, as a partner	No, not a partner	DK/Refused	Total
United States	September, 2023	64	30	6	100

		Q4. In recent years, China has gained a lot of influence globally. Do you see this as more of a good thing, more of a bad thing or does it not make a difference for our country?				
		More of a good thing for our country	More of a bad thing for our country	Does not make a difference	DK/Refused	Total
United States	September, 2023	6	71	21	3	100

		Q5. In future years, if emerging economies such as Brazil, India and South Africa gained influence globally, do you see this as more of a good thing, more of a bad thing or does it not make a difference for our country?				
		More of a good thing for our country	More of a bad thing for our country	Does not make a difference	DK/Refused	Total
United States	September, 2023	39	23	35	3	100

		Q6. Do the following countries represent a major military threat, minor military threat or no military threat to American security? a. China				
		Major military threat	Minor military threat	No military threat	DK/Refused	Total
United States	September, 2023	70	21	5	4	100

U.S. WEB TRENDS FOR COMPARISON

		Q6. Do the following countries represent a major military threat, minor military threat or no military threat to American security? a. China				
		Major military threat	Minor military threat	No military threat	DK/Refused	Total
United States	July-August, 2022	64	26	7	3	100

		Q7. Do the following countries represent a major military threat, minor military threat or no military threat to American security? b. Russia				
		Major military threat	Minor military threat	No military threat	DK/Refused	Total
United States	September, 2023	68	24	5	3	100

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		Q7. Do the following countries represent a major military threat, minor military threat or no military threat to American security? b. Russia				
		Major military threat	Minor military threat	No military threat	DK/Refused	Total
United States	July-August, 2022	66	26	5	3	100

		Q8. Does China represent a major economic threat, minor economic threat or no economic threat to the American economy?				
		Major economic threat	Minor economic threat	No economic threat	DK/Refused	Total
United States	September, 2023	70	21	5	4	100

		Q9. Which is more important for the United States? Having a close relationship with Germany or having a close relationship with Russia?					
		Having a close relationship with Germany	Having a close relationship with Russia	Both relationships are equally important	Neither relationship is important	DK/Refused	Total
United States	September, 2023	51	7	32	7	3	100

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		Q9. Which is more important for the United States? Having a close relationship with Germany or having a close relationship with Russia?					
		Having a close relationship with Germany	Having a close relationship with Russia	Both relationships are equally important (DO NOT READ)	Neither relationship is important (DO NOT READ)	DK/Refused	Total
United States	September, 2021	59	33	5	2	1	100
	September, 2020	61	26	10	1	3	100
	September, 2019	61	26	8	3	4	100

		Q10. Has Germany's international influence in the world over the last two years increased, decreased or stayed about the same?				
		Increased	Decreased	Stayed about the same	DK/Refused	Total
United States	September, 2023	19	14	63	5	100

		Q11. Which is better able to deal with long-term global challenges such as pandemics, climate change and military tensions?			
		A government that is a democracy	A government that is NOT a democracy	DK/Refused	Total
United States	September, 2023	80	16	4	100